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1. NEW SOUTH KOREAN POL COUNCIL-YOUNG PARK, WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED FOR 5 YEARS IN TEHRAN AS ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE, TOLD POLCOUNS JUNE 15 THAT AS RESULT OF INVITATION ISSUED DURING PRINCESS ASHRAF'S VISIT TO NORTH KOREA MAY 14-19, PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG WILL BE VISITING IRAN AT UNSPECIFIED TIME IN FUTURE. PARK SUSPECTS KIM WILL TRY TO MAKE VISIT BEFORE UNGA CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN QUESTION IN ORDER TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREAN POSITION.

2. PARK SAID HE UNDERSTANDS MIN ECON AND FINANCE ANSARY WILL VISIT PYONGYANG BEFORE END OF JULY TO FOLLOWUP ON TRADE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED DURING NORTH KOREAN DEP PRI MIN'S VISIT HERE IN MARCH (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO PARK'S INFORMATION, ANSARY IS PREPARED TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENT TO COVER PLANNED IRANIAN IMPORTS FROM NORTH KOREA AS CALLED FOR IN LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED IN MARCH.

3. ASKED FOR CURRENT READING ON GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD KOREAN
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QUESTION AT UNGA, PARK SAID WHEN KOREAN AMBASSADOR SAW MFA

UNDER SEC NADIM TWO MONTHS AGO GOI POSITION SEEMED TO HAVE BECOME LESS FAVORABLE THAN THAT OF YEAR AGO. KOREAN EMBASSY PLANS TO MAKE NEW APPROACH TO GOI ON THIS QUESTION IN NEAR FUTURE AND WILL COORDINATE WITH US BEFOREHAND.

4. DURING CALL ON NADIM ON OTHER MATTERS JUNE 16 (REPORTED SEPTTEL, CHARGE RAISED SUBJECT OF KOREAN QUESTION IN UN. NOTING HE WAS NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS BUT WANTED TO BRING NADIM UP TO DATE ON OUR THINKING, CHARGE OUTLINED SUBSTANCE OF STATE 131759.

5. NADIM RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT OUTCOME AT UNGA THIS YEAR WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR'S CLSE BUT FAVORABLE VOTE, SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES HAD CHANGED RADICALLY. CAMBODIA, LAOS, TWO VIET-NAMS AND PERHAPS PHILIPPINES WOULD VOTE FOR NORTH KOREAN-BACKED RESOLUTION, AND NADIM WONDERED WHETHER EVEN JAPAN MIGHT NOT DO SO. HE BELIEVES VOTE ON SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD BE A DISASTER FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW AND THINKS IT BEST TO TRY AVOID VOTE AS WAS DONE TWO YEARS AGO. AS FOR WORRIES ABOUT VACUUM IN SOUTH KOREA IF UN COMMAND DISSOLVED, NADIM THINKS MOST COUNTRIES WOULD ACCEPT CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US FORCES THERE UNDER BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID HE EXPECTED WE WOULD BE GETTING TOGETHER AGAIN ON KOREAN ISSUE IN SEPTEMBER BEFORE UNGA SESSION AND HE WOULD GIVE US OFFICIAL GOI POSITION AT THAT TIME.

6. CHARGE ASKED WHETHER NADIM WAS AWARE OF INFORMATION AMBASSADOR HAD GIVEN MINCOMMERCE MAHDAVI ON NORTH KOREA'S DUBIOUS CREDIT-WORTHINESS AND PERFORMANCE IN FULFILLING TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. NADIM SAID HE WAS; SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAD FIRST BROUGHT SIMILAR INFORMATION TO HIS ATTENTION AND HE HAD BEEN SKEPTICAL BECAUSE OF SOURCE. NOW, HOWEVER, HE WAS SATISFIED IT WAS CORRECT AND HAD MADE IT AVAILABLE TO "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY."

7. WITHOUT REVEALING PARK AS SOURCE, CHARGE SAID HE HAD HEARD ANSARY WAS GOING TO PYONGYANG IN JULY TO FOLLOW UP ON MARCH AGREEMENT. NADIM REPLIED CRYPTICALLY THAT IF MAHDAVI HAD WORKED OUT THE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH KOREA HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT ANSARY WOULD MAKE THE TRIP.
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